

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

providing communications between a plurality of connected source systems, via one or more programmable machines, the connected source systems including information systems; of at least two enterprises; ~~the connected source systems being connected via base system connectors using a markup language;~~

configuring the information systems of the at least two enterprises to operate as a single logical physically distributed information system across the information systems of the at least two enterprises using processes, modules, application logic, and framework stored in a memory that conform to an architecture supported by a platform including a portal through which data is requested and received by clients;

generating, via at least one computing device associated with the portal, an individually configurable user interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed information system with templates interacting with metadata to format information according to preset conditions, the metadata describing roles, work sets, and personalization information and interacting with the application logic; ~~and~~

populating, via at least one processor, said individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said individually configurable user interface, comprising making a deal selection choice, planning an integration, executing a transaction, executing an integration, and making a post-integration assessment; and

providing an executive cockpit monitoring interface, wherein said executive cockpit monitoring interface comprises a first view associated with the integration, wherein the first view comprises a roster of a team associated with the integration, access to a tool to contact a member of the team, access to a tool to manage the team, an issue list associated with the integration, a tool to control how issues in the issue list are sorted, a chart showing progress of the integration in regard to one or more goals of the integration, access to a meeting scheduler and access to a tracker tool that tracks deliverables associated with the integration.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing an ~~executive cockpit monitoring interface~~, a training management interface, a deliverables interface, a project managing interface, and a communications management interface on said individually configurable user interface; and
configuring said user interface with an object modeling tool to create business objects and a project modeling tool to create project modules.
3. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 2 wherein said executive cockpit monitoring interface further comprises ~~a team roster, a task list, a shared folder, a meeting scheduler, and issue list, and~~ a decision list separate from the issue list, an integration status, and a tracker tool.
4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 2, wherein:
said training management interface further comprises a training rollout management sub-module to request, schedule, and monitor execution of training sessions, and a platform to facilitate training by functioning as a class repository, a master training scheduler, an electronic mailer, and as a training archive;
wherein the master training scheduler further comprises a department-specific scheduling service, a department-specific planning service, a role-specific planning service, and a role-specific scheduling service.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 2, wherein:
the deliverables interface further comprises a reference model, a methodology tracker, help tool contextual tools, a baseline of combined spending, a depletion plan, an organizational structure, a view of current capabilities, and a view of material synergies; and
providing a sub-deliverable interface comprising security permissions, one or more characteristics of a deliverables room, and the ability to generate and assign tasks in a synergy achievement.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 2, further comprising:
providing a collaborative calendar displaying merger-related events, milestones, and
facilitating training management.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 8, further comprising:
providing the collaborative calendar to monitor one or more rollout trainings and
scheduling one or more services for a plurality of stakeholders, wherein
providing the collaborative calendar further comprises displaying information relating to
at least one of a stakeholder role and a merger group, and is further adapted to allow an
exchange of information with an external calendar tool.

10-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing a selection on the individually configurable user interface that allows a
stakeholder to select a view of one or more lists of deliverables by a meeting date or a task force,
the user interface further being adapted to present a deliverables tracker reference session link.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 28, further comprising:
providing a view of one or more lists including a meeting date, a time, a milestone, a
location, and a deliverable information, the deliverable information comprising a name, a task
force, a requestor, an assignee and a status.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

configuring the individually configurable user interface based on the exchange of metadata by a security clearance of a user and the single logical physically distributed information system.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing for communication between the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface by using extensible markup language, web services, request for comments or transmission connect protocol/internet protocol.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:
connecting the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface via an enterprise connector interface, internet communication manager/internet communications framework, or an encapsulated postscript.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 4, further comprising:
providing said training management interface to serve as a training rollout management sub-module to request, schedule and monitor an execution of one or more web-based training sessions, and to facilitate one or more web-based training processes.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
providing communications between a plurality of connected source systems, via one or more programmable machines, the connected source systems including information systems; of at least two enterprises, ~~the connected source systems being connected via base system connectors using a markup language;~~

configuring the information systems of the at least two enterprises to operate as a single logical physically distributed information system across the information systems of the at least two enterprises using processes, modules, application logic, and framework stored in a memory that conform to an architecture supported by a platform including a portal through which data is requested and received by clients;

generating, via at least one computing device associated with the portal, an individually configurable user interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed

information system with templates interacting with metadata to format information according to preset conditions, the metadata describing roles, work sets, and personalization information and interacting with the application logic; ~~and~~

populating, via at least one processor, said individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said individually configurable user interface, comprising:

making a deal selection choice, including defining acquisition objectives, performing due diligence research, and identifying synergies, risks, and a realization plan;

planning an integration, including establishing short term and long term tasks and communicating goals and decisions to users;

executing a transaction, comprising structuring the acquisition by type, tax implication and legal issues;

executing an integration, including operating and managing integration projects and subprojects, designing a new organization, managing an integration of information technologies, human resources, financials, and procurements; and

making a post-integration assessment, including measuring achieved synergies, assessing potential improvements, and applying said assessment to future transactions;

and

providing an executive cockpit monitoring interface, wherein said executive cockpit monitoring interface comprises a first view associated with the integration, wherein the first view comprises a roster of a team associated with the integration, access to a tool to contact a member of the team, access to a tool to manage the team, an issue list associated with the integration, a tool to control how issues in the issue list are sorted, a chart showing progress of the integration in regard to one or more goals of the integration, access to a meeting scheduler and access to a tracker tool that tracks deliverables associated with the integration.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a machine readable storage medium, storing instructions thereon operable to cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

connecting source systems, ~~the source systems~~ including information systems; of at least two enterprises ~~with base system connectors using a markup language;~~

configuring the information systems of the at least two enterprises to operate as a single logical physically distributed information system across the information systems of the at least two enterprises using processes, modules, application logic, and framework stored in a memory that conform to an architecture supported by a platform including a portal through which data is requested and received by clients;

generating, via the portal, an individually configurable user interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed information system with templates interacting with metadata to format information according to preset conditions, the metadata describing roles, work sets, and personalization information and interacting with the application logic; ~~and~~

populating, the individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said user interface, comprising making a deal selection, planning an integration, executing a transaction, executing an integration, and making a post-integration assessment; and

providing an executive cockpit monitoring interface, wherein said executive cockpit monitoring interface comprises a first view associated with the integration, wherein the first view comprises a roster of a team associated with the integration, access to a tool to contact a member of the team, access to a tool to manage the team, an issue list associated with the integration, a tool to control how issues in the issue list are sorted, a chart showing progress of the integration in regard to one or more goals of the integration, access to a meeting scheduler and access to a tracker tool that tracks deliverables associated with the integration.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

providing an ~~executive cockpit monitoring interface~~, a training management interface, a deliverables interface, a project managing interface, and a communications management interface on said individually configurable user interface; and

configuring said individually configurable user interface with an object modeling tool for creating business objects and a project modeling tool for creating project modules based on the user.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing said executive cockpit monitoring interface further comprising ~~a team roster, a task list, a shared folder, a meeting scheduler, and issue list, and~~ a decision list separate from the issue list, an integration status, and a tracker tool.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing said training management interface further comprising a training rollout management sub-module to request, schedule, and monitor execution of training sessions, and a platform to facilitate training by functioning as a class repository, a master training scheduler, an electronic mailer, and as a training archive.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing the deliverables interface further comprising a reference model, a methodology tracker, help tool contextual tools, a baseline of combined spending, a depletion plan, an organizational structure, a view of current capabilities, and a view of material synergies; and

providing a sub-deliverable interface comprising security permissions, one or more characteristics of the deliverables interface, and the ability to generate and assign tasks in a synergy achievement.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing a collaborative calendar adapted for displaying merger-related events, milestones, and facilitate training management.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 41 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing the collaborative calendar to monitor one or more rollout trainings and scheduling one or more services for a plurality of stakeholders, wherein

providing the calendar further comprises displaying information relating to at least one of a stakeholder role and a merger group, and is further adapted to allow an exchange of information with an external calendar tool.

43. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing a selection on the individually configurable user interface that allows a stakeholder to select a view of one or more lists of deliverables by a meeting date or a task force, the user interface further adapted to present a deliverables tracker reference session link.

44. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 43 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing a view of one or more lists including a meeting date, a time, a milestone, a location, and a deliverable information, the deliverable information comprising a name, a task force, a requestor, an assignee and a status.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

configuring the individually configurable user interface based on an exchange of metadata by a security clearance of a user and the single logical physically distributed information system.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing for communication between the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface using extensible markup language, web services, request for comments or transmission connect protocol/internet protocol.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

connecting the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface via an enterprise connector interface, internet communication manager/internet communications framework, or an encapsulated postscript.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 39, further comprising:

providing said training management interface to serve as a training rollout management sub-module to request, schedule and monitor an execution of one or more web-based training sessions, and to facilitate one or more web-based training processes.

49. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a machine readable storage medium, storing instructions thereon operable to cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

connecting source systems, the source systems including information systems; of at least two enterprises ~~with base system connectors using a markup language;~~

configuring the information systems of the at least two enterprises to operate as a single logical physically distributed information system across the information systems of the at least two enterprises using processes, modules, application logic, and framework stored in a memory that conform to an architecture supported by a platform including a portal through which data is requested and received by clients;

generating, via the portal, an individually configurable user interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed information system with templates interacting with metadata to format information according to preset conditions, the metadata describing roles, work sets, and personalization information and interacting with the application logic; and

populating, the individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said user interface, comprising

making a deal selection choice, including defining acquisition objectives, performing due diligence research, and identifying synergies, risks, and a realization plan;

planning an integration, including establishing short term and long term tasks and communicating goals and decisions to users;

executing a transaction, including structuring the acquisition by type, tax implication and legal issues;

executing an integration, including operating and managing integration projects and subprojects, designing a new organization, managing an integration of information technologies, human resources, financials, and procurements; and

making a post-integration assessment, including measuring achieved synergies, assessing potential improvements, and applying said assessment to future transactions;

and

providing an executive cockpit monitoring interface, wherein said executive cockpit monitoring interface comprises a first view associated with the integration, wherein the first view comprises a roster of a team associated with the integration, access to a tool to contact a member of the team, access to a tool to manage the team, an issue list associated with the integration, a tool to control how issues in the issue list are sorted, a chart showing progress of the integration in regard to one or more goals of the integration, access to a meeting scheduler and access to a tracker tool that tracks deliverables associated with the integration.

50. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein said populating comprises:

populating said user interface with information identified using heuristics comprising:

(1) information that is related to the user due to explicit collaborative relationships;

(2) information that is similar to a given business object in a semantic space based on text retrieval and extraction techniques;

- (3) recent objects/procedures of a user;
- (4) other people doing a same or similar activity (using the same object or procedure template, having the same work set);
- (5) instances of a same object class;
- (6) next abstract or next detailed class;
- (7) explicit relationships on an organizational or project structure;
- (8) proximity on a time scale;
- (9) information about an underlying business context; and
- (10) information about people involved in a collaborative process.